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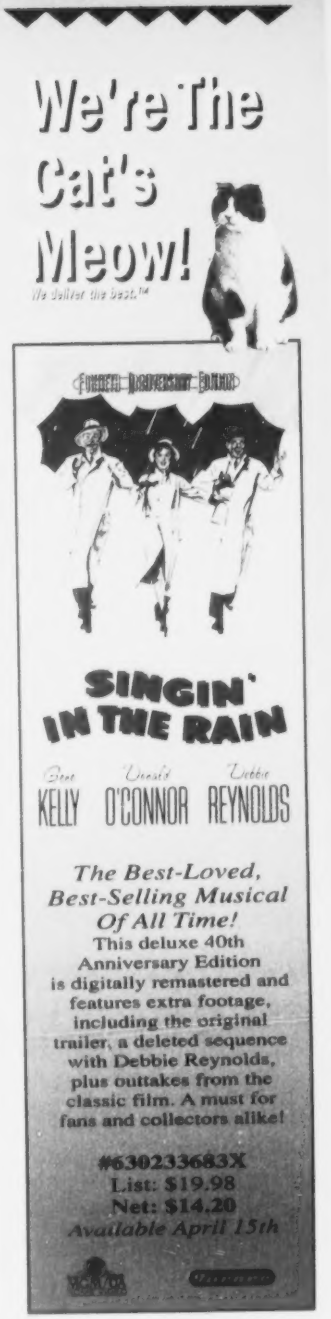
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Mapping This Season's

Compiled by Ann Burns,
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Once more we're relying on geography to present the season's first novels. But we've decided to divide our map by region, rather than by state, so that librarians interested in local talent can choose from a wider array of authors. This season (February 1–August 31, 1992), the array will certainly be wide: more than twice as many novelists are debuting as last season (September 1, 1991–January 31, 1992).

MIDWEST

Eleanor T. Bland
Dead Time
(*St. Martin's—Mar.*)
Illinois

Richard Dooling
Critical Care
(*Morrow—Feb.*)
Missouri

Flynn J. Ell
Dakota Scouts
(*Walker—Jun.*)
North Dakota

Anne Farell
Deadly Deception
(*S. & S.—May*)
Ohio

Wayne Fields
The Past Leads a Life of Its Own
(*Poseidon Pr.*
S. & S.—Apr.)
Missouri

Vincent S. Green
Price of Victory
(*Walker—Apr.*)
South Dakota

Ron Handberg
Savage Justice
(*Birch Lane Pr. Carol Pub. Group—Jun.*)
Minnesota

William E. Hazelgrove
Ripples
(*Pantonne Pr.—Mar.*)
Illinois

Ted Jones
Grant's War
(*Presidio Pr.—Apr.*)
Kansas

Grace Mark
The Dream Seekers
(*Morrow—Jun.*)
Illinois

Robert Rodi
Fag Hag
(*Dutton—Feb.*)
Illinois

Susan Skramstad
The Singing Teacher
(*Algonquin Bks.—Apr.*)
Michigan

Steve Szilagyi
Photographing Fairies
(*Ballantine—Jul.*)
Ohio

Steve Thayer
Saint Mudd
(*Viking—Jun.*)
Minnesota

Robert J. Waller
The Bridges of Madison County
(*Warner—Apr.*)
Iowa

SOUTH

Richard T. Conroy
Smithsonian Snafu
(*St. Martin's—Aug.*)
Washington, D.C.

Thornton Elliott
Hard Guy
(*Donald I. Fine—Feb.*)
Tennessee

Wesley Gibson
Shelter
(*Harmony Crown—Apr.*)
Virginia

Diane Henry & Nicholas Horrock
Blood Red, Snow White
(*Little, Brown—Feb.*)
Virginia

Sam Hodges
B-Four
(*St. Martin's—Jun.*)
Florida

Nicole Jeffords
Hearts of Glass
(*Crown—Jun.*)
Texas

Nanci Kincaid
Somebody Else's Heart
(*Putnam—Jun.*)
Alabama

Graham Landrum
The Famous D.A.R. Murder Mystery
(*St. Martin's—Mar.*)
Tennessee

Molly McKittrick
The Medium Is Murder
(*St. Martin's—Mar.*)
Washington, D.C.

Patricia O'Brien
The Candidate's Wife
(*S. & S.—Feb.*)
Washington, D.C.

Severna Park (pseud.)
Speaking Dreams
(*Firebrand Bks.—Apr.*)
Maryland

Ann Patchett
Patron Saint of Liars
(*Houghton—May*)
Tennessee

George P. Pelecanos
A Firing Offense
(*St. Martin's—Apr.*)
Maryland

Marilyn T. Quayle & Nancy T. Northcott
Embrace the Serpent
(*Crown—Apr.*)
Washington, D.C. & Tennessee

Jack Ricardo
The Night G.A.A. Died
(*St. Martin's—Jun.*)
Florida

James Sallis
The Long-Legged Fly
(*Carroll & Graf Pubs.—Aug.*)
Texas

Laurence Shames
Florida Straits
(*S. & S.—Jun.*)
Florida

John E. Simpson
Crossed Wires
(*Carroll & Graf Pubs.—Aug.*)
Virginia

Gail D. Storey
The Lord's Motel
(*Persea Bks.—Aug.*)
Texas

Kathy Trocheck
Every Crooked Nanny: A Novel of Suspense
(*HarperCollins—May*)
Georgia

Brent Wade
Company Man
(*Algonquin Bks.—Feb.*)
Maryland

Bill Waggoner
Sweet Death
(*Walker—Feb.*)
Texas

Paula Webb
Domestic Life
(*S. & S.—Jul.*)
Texas

John Welter
Begin To Exit Here
(*Algonquin Bks.—Apr.*)
North Carolina

INTERNATIONAL

AUSTRALIA

Candida Baker
Women and Horses
(*St. Martin's—Apr.*)

BALI

Diana Darling
The Painted Alphabet
(*Houghton—Feb.*)

BRAZIL

Chico Buerque
Disturbance
(*Pantheon—May*)

CANADA

Darius James
Negrophobia: An Urban Parable
(*Citadel Carol Pub Group—May*)

Daniel Richler
Kicking Tomorrow
(*Random—Jul.*)

ENGLAND

Lisa Appignanesi
Memory and Desire
(*Dutton—Feb.*)

Vivien Armstrong
Sleight of Hand
(*St. Martin's—May*)

Trevor Barnes
A Midsummer Night's Killing
(*Morrow—May*)

Shane Connaughton
The Run of the Country
(*St. Martin's—Mar.*)

Louis de Bernieres
The War of Don Emanuelle's Nether Parts
(*Morrow—Feb.*)

Esther Freud
Hideous Kinky
(*HBJ—Apr.*)

Christine Green
Deadly Errand
(*Walker—Jul.*)

Sunetra Gupta
Memories of Rain
(*Grove Weidenfeld—Apr.*)

Robert Harris
Fatherland
(*Random—Jun.*)

Mathew Hunter
The Kremlin Armoury
(*Walker—Aug.*)

Max Marquis
The Twelfth Man
(*St. Martin's—May*)

Paul Mayersberg
Homme Fatale
(*St. Martin's—Jul.*)

Ben Okri
The Famished Road
(*Doubleday—Jun.*)

Mike Ripley
Angels in Arms
(*St. Martin's—Jun.*)

Ann V. Roberts
Morning's Gate
(*Morrow—Feb.*)

Peter Rowland
The Disappearance of Edwin Drood
(*St. Martin's—Mar.*)

Greg Snow
That's All Folks!
(*Random—Mar.*)

Kate Sterns
Thinking About Magritte
(*Pantheon—May*)

Penny Sumner
The End of April
(*Naiad Pr.—Feb.*)

Minette Walters
The Ice House
(*St. Martin's—Jul.*)

Bridget Wood
Wolfking
(*Del Rey: Ballantine—Jul.*)

FRANCE

Gustaf Sobin
Venus Blue
(*Little, Brown—Feb.*)

HONG KONG

Henry Meigs
Gate of the Tigers
(*Viking—Mar.*)

IRELAND

Dan Binchy
The Neon Madonna
(*St. Martin's—Mar.*)

Thomas Hayden
The Killing Frost
(*St. Martin's—Mar.*)

Mary Maher
The Devil's Card
(*St. Martin's—Jul.*)

Gordon Thomas
Deadly Perfume
(*HarperCollins—Feb.*)

ISRAEL

Batya Gur
The Saturday Morning Murder: A Psychoanalytic Case
(*HarperCollins—Jun.*)

Steven Hartov
The Heat of Ramadan
(*HBJ—Jul.*)

Yehudit Katzir
Closing the Sea
(*HBJ—Apr.*)

ITALY

Donna Leon
Death at La Fenice: A Novel of Suspense
(*HarperCollins—Jul.*)

NEW ZEALAND

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RUSSIA

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The Daishi
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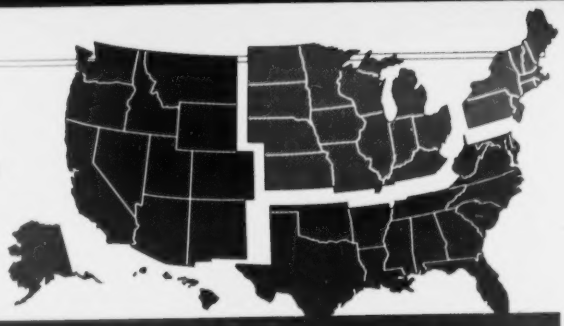

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Bastard Out of Carolina
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California

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A World the Color of Salt
(*Morrow—Apr.*)
California

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A Certain Discontent
(*Naiad Pr.—Mar.*)
California

Virginia Bown
The Veiled Vixen
(*Walker—May*)
California

Bill Brooks
The Badmen
(*Walker—May*)
Arizona

Bebe Moore Campbell
Your Blues Ain't Like Mine
(*Putnam—Aug.*)
California

David Cates
Hunger in America
(*S. & S.—May*)
Montana

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Decked
(*Warner—Aug.*)
California

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Ricochet River
(*Knopf—Apr.*)
Oregon

Harry Combs
Brules
(*Lyford Bks. Presidio Pr.—Jul.*)
Colorado

Terri de la Peña
Margins
(*Seal Pr.-Feminist—Apr.*)
California

Dennis Foley
Long Range Patrol
(*Columbine Fawcett Ballantine—Jun.*)
California

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The Meadow
(*Holt—Apr.*)
Wyoming

Cristina Garcia
Dreaming in Cuban
(*Knopf—Mar.*)
California

Judith Garwood
Make Friends with Murder
(*St. Martin's—Feb.*)
California

Philip Goldberg
This Is Next Year
(*Available Pr. Ballantine—Mar.*)
California

Robert Grudin
Book
(*Random—Aug.*)
Oregon

Echo Heron
Mercy
(*S. & S.—Mar.*)
California

Louis Kraft
The Final Showdown
(*Walker—Apr.*)
California

Sara Lewis
Trying To Smile
(*HBJ—Jun.*)
California

Patricia McFall
Night Butterfly
(*St. Martin's—Aug.*)
California

Mark Medoff
Dreams of Long Lasting
(*Warner—Jun.*)
New Mexico

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Was It a Rat I Saw?
(*Perfect Crime Doubleday—May*)
California

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Nightstalker
(*Donald I. Fine—May*)
Colorado

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Brown Shoe
(*Random—Jul.*)
Idaho

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California

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The Drummer Was the First To Die
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California

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The House of Real Love
(*Plume: NAL—Jun.*)
California

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Just Killing Time
(*Dutton—Jun.*)
Arizona

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(*St. Martin's—Apr.*)
California

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Little Altars Everywhere
(*Broken Moon Pr.—Aug.*)
Washington

NORTHEAST

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Strange Business
(*Viking—Jul.*)
New York

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Bright Shark
(*Delacorte—Apr.*)
Massachusetts

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City of Childhood
(*St. Martin's—Mar.*)
Massachusetts

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The White Rhino Hotel
(*Viking—May*)
New York

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An American Girl
(*Random—Jun.*)
New York

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(*Atheneum—May*)
New York

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And Justice for One
(*Crown—Feb.*)
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New York

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(*Grove Weidenfeld—Feb.*)
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(*Grove Weidenfeld—May*)
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(*HBJ—Jul.*)
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(*Houghton—Apr.*)
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The Vanished Child
(*Ballantine—Apr.*)
Massachusetts

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The Lion's Share
(*Viking—May*)
Massachusetts

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(*Summit Bks.—Feb.*)
New York

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(*HBJ—Apr.*)
New York

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